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Charlotte, North Carolina, June 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.136(a)
FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant hereby respectfully petitions that the time to respond to the Office Action dated December 15, 2000, in the above-referenced application, be extended five months to June 15, 2001. Accompanying the filing of this Petition are the following:

- (a) Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- (b) a check in the amount of \$945.00 in payment of the extension fee set in 37 CFR §1.17.

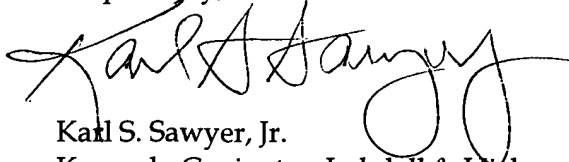
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Any additional extension or other fees which may be required may be charged against the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 18-1215.

Respectfully,



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